GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EFC GRANTS FOR COMPUTER TRAINING TO KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have granted funds of. Rs. 1161 lakhs under EFC Grants for Computer `raining to School Children to the Karnataka State and released an amount of Rs. 4&6.15 lakhs for this purpose;

(b) if so, whether the State Government have utilised Rs. 456.96 lakhs out of this amount;

(c) whether the State Government have aiso sent Utilization Certificate in this regard;

(d) if so, whether the Union Government have received any request for releasing the balance grant of Rs. 694.85 lakhs;

(e) if so, whether the Union Government have considered the request of Karnataka Government; and

(f) if so, the time by which the balance amount is likely to be released by the Union Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) to (c) Eleventh Finance Commission (EFC) recommended a grant of Rs. 1161 lakhs to the State of Karnataka for computer training to children at school level. State Government had submitted utilization certificate for Rs. 756.96 lakhs. Based on pace of utilisation of funds during 2000-05, GoI relesed a sum of Rs. 870.75 lakhs to the State Government.

(d) and (e) Claims received within the prescribed period have been considred and grant released.

(f) No further grant can be released for the purpose as EFC award period is over on 31.3.2005.